

**Amendments to the Claims**

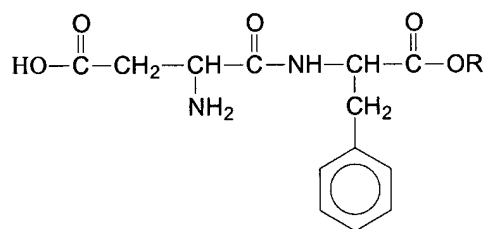
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (previously canceled)

2. (previously canceled)

3. (currently amended) A method for treatment of high whole blood viscosity in a patient comprising administering in a treatment regimen to said patient an effective amount of a composition comprising



where R is CH<sub>3</sub> or an alkyl, wherein said [treatment regimen is capable of reducing] effective amount causes a reduction in whole blood viscosity in said patient.

4. (previously presented) The method of Claim 3, wherein said alkyl having 2 to 6 carbons.

5. (previously presented) The method of Claim 3, wherein said effective amount is from about 1 milligram to about 6 milligrams per kilogram body weight.

6. (withdrawn)

7. (withdrawn)

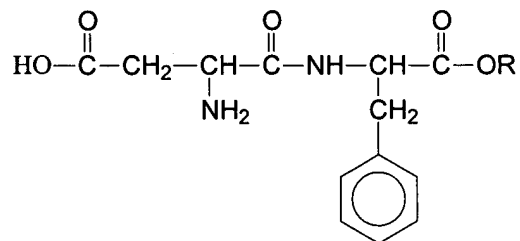
8. (withdrawn)

9. (withdrawn)

10. (withdrawn)

11. (withdrawn)

12. (currently amended) A method for treating a patient having a disease characterized by abnormally viscous whole blood comprising administering in a treatment regimen to said patient an effective amount of a composition comprising



where R is CH<sub>3</sub> or an alkyl, wherein said [treatment regimen is capable of reducing] effective amount causes a reduction in whole blood viscosity in said patient.

13. (previously presented) The method of Claim 12, wherein said alkyl having 2 to 6 carbons.

14. (previously presented) The method of Claim 12, wherein said effective amount is from about 1 milligram to about 6 milligrams per kilogram body weight.

15. (previously presented) The method of Claim 4, wherein said effective amount is from about 1 milligram to about 6 milligrams per kilogram body weight.

16. (previously presented) The method of Claim 13, wherein said effective amount is from about 1 milligram to about 6 milligrams per kilogram body weight.